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MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF STATE
THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Future Reporting Capability on Iran

Regardless of what happens in the immediate future in Tehran, the chances are high that we will continue to face a situation of instability and periodic crises over a long period of time, perhaps many years.

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structured to deal with a very different set of circumstances than they face today, and it would be worth the effort at this time, despite the very heavy burdens on all those working on Iran, to review the adequacy of our present embassy structure and manning. We particularly need to examine the personnel situation, to assure that we have a staff of the size and with the best possible qualifications, including facility with the Farsi language, to cope with the emergence of new political forces in a rapidly changing environment.

Please prepare for the President an examination of the political reporting capability and provide recommendations on those changes which should be undertaken in the near future and beyond to assure the highest quality reporting. Your comments would be appreciated by November 24.

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